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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The South Carolina NAAACP today submits this letter in support of the proposed AT&T merger with T-Mobile, and we hope that you join us in recognizing the benefits of this deal. The NAACP addresses local, state and national issues facing our African American, Hispanic and other minority communities in South Carolina, and we believe that all people deserve equal rights and improved opportunities.

In accordance with this belief, we support AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile because it offers a number of beneficial opportunities for dynamic economic and community development within historically underrepresented communities in South Carolina.

Our constituents and communities in South Carolina should have access to reliable mobile networks and broadband that will allow them to enhance their quality of life. The AT&T/T-Mobile merger is an important and vital step toward this growing need.

Increased network capacity resulting from this merger will be especially beneficial to rural areas in our state, where many communities remain unserved by traditional wired broadband connections.

I sincerely hope you join the South Carolina NAACP in recognizing the potential for broad and positive expansions of technology for South Carolina from the announced merger and support AT&T and T-Mobile in this process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Jr.  
President